GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Agriculture & Cooperation Department—Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme to the farmers—Reimbursement of Rs. 5000/- per farmer who were not benefited under the Government of India Debt Waiver Scheme, 2008—Orders—Issued.

G.O.Ms. No. 291 Dated: 3-11-2008

ORDER:

The Government of India, as part of the Union Budget 2008-09, with a view to mitigate the problems faced by the farmers in the Country, has announced a Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme to the farmers which has been implemented all over the Country by 30th June, 2008.

- 2. On a review of the matter, Government observed that about 63.41 lakh agricultural loan accounts in the State got benefit under the "Debt Waiver/ Relief Scheme" of the Government of India. However, an estimated 32 lakh farmers, who availed crop loans, were deprived of any benefit under the scheme, as as they had already repaid the loans by the date of announcement of Government of India Loan Waiver Scheme on 29.02.2008.
- 3. It has, therefore, been decided by the Government to provide an "incentive" to the farmers who have repaid their "Crop Loans" in time under the Rythu Protsahaka Utsavaalu. The incentive will be extended by way of credit to their crop loan account as per the following terms and conditions:
- (a) Only crop loans borrowers (excluding Agricultural Gold Loan and Agricultural Term Loan borrowers) are eligible for the incentive under the Scheme
- (b) The farmer borrower should not have got any benefit under "Debt Waiver/ Relief Scheme—2008" of the Government of India.
- (c) In respect of multiple loans or joint loans, where benefits have accrued under the Government of India Scheme, the farmer(s) become ineligible under the present scheme.
- (d) The farmers will get reimbursement of the actual amount repaid to the bank or Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) which ever is less.

Other conditions:

- (i) The Commercial Banks and Regional Banks (RRBs) will verify the list of beneficiaries with the Cooperative Bank branch covering the area of operation concerned, before the disbursement of the benefit, to ensure that multiple benefit is not awarded to the same farmer. They should certify to that effect.
- (ii) Cooperative Banks can disburse the benefit to their farmers, without such verification.
- (iii) Commercial Banks, RRBs and Cooperative banks will obtain a self declared affidavit, as per the format enclosed (Annexure-I) from each beneficiary that in the event of any multiple benefit/ ineligible benefit being paid to him/ received by him, the same will be repaid/ refunded to the bank concerned.
- 4. SLBC will furnish Bank-wise list of farmers who are eligible to get the incentive and the amount thereof by 10/11/2008.
- 5. Finance Department will arrange for the required funds, not exceeding Rs. 1600 Crores (Rupees one thousand six hundred crores only) to be placed with the banks by 15/11/2008 to implement the scheme.

- 6. The Rythu Protsahaka Utsavaalu will be held in every Mandal Head Quarters from 19th November, 2008 to 30 th November, 2008. The Banks shall prepare the credit advice to be issued during the Rythu Protsahaka Utsavaalu as per format in Annexure-II.
- 7. All banks implementing the scheme will submit the details as per Annexure-II to the Joint Director (Agriculture) of the respective District Head Quarters, together with a soft copy containing account-wise details. Such data will be submitted by the bank concerned as soon as the disbursement of the benefit under the Scheme has been completed, but in any case by 31st January, 2009.
- 8. Detailed Guidelines for conduct of Rythu Protsahaka Utsavaalu will be issued separately.
- 9. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EAC) Department vide their U.O. No. 11115/PFS (R&E)/08, Dated: 03/11/2008. (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RACHEL CHATTERJEE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

То

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Convener, SLBC, Andhra Bank, Saifabad,

Hyderabad.

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The Special Secretary to Chief Minister.

The P.S. to M(Agriculture)

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ANNEXURE-I

AFFIDAVIT GO BE GIVEN BY THE FARMERS AVAILING THE BENEFIT OF INCENTIVE TO FARMERS NOT COVERED UNDER AGRICULTURAL DEBT WAIVER AND DEBT RELIEF SCHEME, 2008:

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

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ANNEXURE-II

FORMAT OF CREDIT ADVICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE FARMERS BY THE BANK BRANCHES

NAME OF THE BANK & BRANCH	
(AFFIX STAMP)	
NAME OF THE FARMER, FATHER/	
HUSBAND`S NAME, VILLAGE &	
MANDAL	
ACCOUNT NO.	
AMOUNT CREDITED (RUPEES)	
DATE OF CREDIT (AFFIX STAMP)	
SIGNATURE OF THE MANAGER	
&SEAL	

 To be prepared in triplicate by the Branch (one copy to the farmer, one copy to the Government along with UC and one copy for branch record)

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ANNEXURE-III

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF DATA BY THE BRANCHES

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SI.	Name of the	Father`s	Village &	Category of		Date/s of	Amount of
No.	farmer	Husband`s	Mandal	the farmer	availed	repayment	incentive
		name		(Small/	on		extended
				Medium/			(Maximum
				Others)			of Rs.
							5,000)

- Included Crop Loans only (Gold Loans, Agricultural Term Loans and Allied Activities not included)
- Ensured that maximum benefit of Rs. 5,000 /- only is extended from the Bank, irrespective of number of loans availed from the bank./ many banks.
- The farmer has not got the benefit of ADWDR, 2008 Scheme of Government of India, from the Bank.
- The guidelines of the Scheme have been strictly adhered to, without any deviation.

Branch Manager (With Rubber Stamp)

Controlling Office (With Rubber Stamp)

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